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SUBJ: MORO MEESAGE TO SECRETARY ON CYPRUS

ITALIAN CHARGE TAMAGNINI MET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT
SECRETARY LOWENSTEIN AUGUST 16 TO DELIVER FOLLOWING
MESSAGE FROM ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTER MORO TO THE
SECRETARY:

BEGIN TEXT

MY DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

I GREATLY APPRECIATED THE KING MESSAGE YOU SENT

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ME AT THE OUTSET OF THE FIRST GENEVA CONFERENCE, CON-

CERNING THE POSITION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT ON THE CYPRUS CRISIS.

YOUR MESSAGE IS INDEED IN KEEPINT WITH THE PRACTICE
OF FREQUENT AND OPEN CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN ALLIED
COUNTRIES, A PRACTICE THAT HAS BECOME ESPECIALLY
NECESSARY NOW, IN THE DIFFICULT MOMENT WE ARE GOING
TRHOUGH, AFTER THE FAILURE OF THE GENEVA CONFRENCE AND
THE RESUMING BY TURKEY OF THE HOSTILITIES IN CYPRUS ON
A LARGE SCALE. WE SHALL NOT UNDERESTIMATE, AMONG OTHER
CONSIDERATIONS, THE FACT THAT THE EASTERN FLANK OF OUR
ALLIANCE EXPERIENCES A SERIOUS CRISIS DU

TO THE WITH-
DRAWAL OF GREECE FROM THE MILITARY ORGANIZATION OF THE
ALLIANCE.

THE U.S. GOVERNMENT MAY REST ASSURED THAT ITALY
WILL DO ITS UTMOST, BOTH WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AND THE
E.E.C., AS WELL AS BILATERALLY, WITH A VIEW TO CONTRI-
BUTE TO THE OVERCOMING OF THE DANGEROUS SITUATION WHICH
HAS BEEN DEVELOPING, TRUSTING THAT THE U.S. SHALL WORK
TOWARD THE SAME GOAL WITH ALL THE NECESSARY ENERGY.

WHILE RECALLING WITH GREAT PLEASURE OUR JULY 5TH
CONVERSTIONS IN ROME, MAY I EXPRESS THE HOPE THAT
FURTHER OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEETINGS WILL ARISE IN THE
NEAR FUTURE

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